City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	City Council
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Subject:	Designation of City Manager to Award Stanley Boulevard Traffic Calming and Sidewalk Project

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Introduction / Discussion

The installation of a sidewalk on Stanley Boulevard from Camino Diablo to Warner Court as well as the installation of traffic calming features from Camino Diablo to the City limits at Gilmore Court was divided into three separate phases to maximize grant funding sources. The first two phases of the project are now complete. The remaining phase will implement the remaining traffic calming features as well as complete the five foot wide sidewalk from Barott Road to Warner Court.

Bids for this phase will be opened on Monday, August 24, approximately three weeks prior to the next available council meeting date. Several residents have contacted staff and voiced their concern that the remaining gap in the sidewalk component of the project will not be implemented prior to the start of school on August 26. If the bidding and award schedule does not have to conform to the normal council meeting calendar, the construction may be able to begin two weeks sooner. While this still does not fulfill the residents' wishes for completion prior to start of school, it does expedite the schedule in a substantive way. For that reason, staff recommends that the City Council delegates the authority to the City Manager to award the Stanley Boulevard Traffic Calming and Sidewalk Project. This assumes that the lowest responsible bid will allow for a project within budget, and no additional fund allocation would be needed. Staff would update the City Council on the bidding and award information on the Consent Calendar immediately following the award. The City Council will recall having approved similar protocol for the Stanley Boulevard and Warner Court Intersection Safety Project as well as the project using federal stimulus money.

Budget Status

Grant Funding	$	65,000
Resident Contribution	$	30,000
Traffic Calming Reserve	$	61,000
Design	< $	15,000 >
Bidding	< $	1,000 >
Funds Available for Construction Phase	$	140,000

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Fiscal Impact

The engineer's estimate for the remaining work is $85,000. Accounting for a construction contingency and construction quality control work, staff is fairly confident that the project could be completed within the existing budget.

Recommendation

Delegate authority to the City Manager to award the Stanley Boulevard Traffic Calming and Sidewalk Project with the understanding that the lowest responsible bid would allow the work to be completed within the existing project budget.